

Appendix M

Letter and Resolution from Village of Goodrich

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July 16, 2001

Mr. Chris Burnell, MDOT
Project Coordinator
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Dear Mr. Burnell and others involved in the M-15 Corridor Study:

I have enclosed a resolution adopted by the Village of Goodrich Council at the regular meeting July 9, 2001. This resolution summarizes the concerns and current opinion the Village of Goodrich regarding the proposed long-range alternative for M-15 through our village.

We appreciate the effort to evaluate the M-15 corridor, and the time and resources spent to gain public input. We also appreciate the cooperative efforts between MDOT, The Corradino Group and village officials and hope we can continue to have an open dialogue in the future.

Please consider this resolution as you evaluate the final plans and make your recommendation for the project. We are available to discuss these options, as well as any you or your staff feels have merit.

Sincerely,



Jakki Sidge
Village Manager

**Village of Goodrich
Resolution 2001-19**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is currently undergoing a study of the M-15 Corridor through Oakland and Genesee Counties to determine future road improvements based on projected traffic volumes and in consideration of environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, Village officials appreciate the effort to review the entire corridor and understand this is the first phase in a series of studies that may be undertaken prior to any construction; and

WHEREAS, Village officials understand a significant increase in actual traffic volumes that result in or a poor level of service or high crash rates may require improvements by MDOT; and

WHEREAS, MDOT and their consultant team have estimated that the forecasted traffic volumes on M-15 are at the threshold between supporting a three-lane road and a five-lane road; and

WHEREAS, Village officials understand and support the need for improvements along M-15 in Oakland County to address areas of poor level of service; and

WHEREAS, Village officials and staff participated in the series of public workshops conducted by MDOT and their consultant team to provide comment and stay informed; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council, Planning Commission and staff held several public meetings that also included representatives of MDOT or its consultants to discuss the issues and concerns specific to Goodrich regarding study recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Village officials are willing to accept a future level of service "D" and perhaps even "E" for certain movements at intersections along M-15 within the limits of the Village; and

WHEREAS, MDOT and their consultant team have recommended a five-lane roadway with a 120 foot wide public right-of-way through most of the Village limits; and

WHEREAS, Village officials and its consultants have evaluated available existing and projected traffic counts, and other analysis, provided in the *Traffic Analysis Report* prepared by MDOT to evaluate the necessity of the recommended improvements and to explore other alternatives; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the Village of Goodrich oppose the recommendation for a five-lane highway through the Village. The Village supports continuance of the three-lane design and endorses further coordination with MDOT to monitor actual traffic conditions to evaluate and implement select intersection improvements and access management techniques to maintain the overall safety and efficiency of the M-15 corridor within the Village. In addition to the statements listed above, this determination is based on the following findings:

1. A widening to five lanes will involve the removal, or "take" of 10 businesses or homes within the Village. The Village lacks land area to replace most of those lost businesses and thus will lose tax base to provide services to the community.
2. A widening to five lanes will increase noise, fumes, speeds and other traffic related impacts in close proximity to historic homes, as identified by the MDOT consultant team, and thereby make it exceeding difficult for the Village to retain those homes for residential use. Such a change in land use that is likely to occur with the five-lane highway is contrary to the Village's adopted Master Plan and adopted M-15 Corridor Plan.

3. A five-lane highway through the center of the community is not consistent with the traditional small town character desired in the Village.
4. A five-lane road would negatively impact the walkable, pedestrian environment that has been planned and is being implemented along M-15 through recent installation of a complete sidewalk system, ornamental lighting, driveway closures and other pedestrian amenities.
5. Evaluation of the available data indicates traffic operational problems along M-15 in the Village are generally isolated at the intersections with Green Road, East Hegel Road and West Hegel Road. The widening to five lanes is not justified as it would result in an unnecessarily high level of service of "A" and "B". This over design would create negative impacts and increase project costs beyond what is needed to provide acceptable traffic operations.
6. MDOT figures indicate the three-lane cross section, with intersection improvements and proper access management techniques will result in acceptable levels of service if traffic volumes are equal to, or less than, those projected.

Clerk Certification

I, Gloria Jean Bradley, the duly appointed Clerk of the Village of Goodrich, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of Resolution 2001-18, that was adopted by the Village of Goodrich Council, Genesee County, Michigan at a regular meeting held in July 9, 2001, the original of which is on file in my office and available to the public.

Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the open Meetings Act number 267 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1976, including in the case of special or rescheduled meeting notices, by posting at least 18 hours prior to the time set for said meeting.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the Village of Goodrich on this 9th day of July, 2001

Village of Goodrich Council

Resolution Number 2001-19

Clerk

Date Adopted: July 9, 2001

Gloria Jean Bradley
Gloria Jean Bradley, Village